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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter Number 1 – Prohibited Activities

1. Statement of Military Purpose and Necessity. Operations in USCENTCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR) place personnel of this command in countries where Islamic law and customs prohibit or restrict certain activities which are generally permissible in western societies. Therefore, it is necessary to impose restrictions to preserve U.S.-host nation relations and to avoid conflicts with our host nations that could interfere with our military mission.

2. Applicability.

a. This Policy Letter applies to all military and civilian personnel assigned to, attached to, on temporary duty, or otherwise sent to Saudi Arabia to support ARCENT-SA or any unit, section, detachment, or other organizational entity attached to or otherwise under direction or control of ARCENT-SA. The term “civilian personnel” includes such above described Army, Department of Defense, and other U.S. government employees. The term also includes such above described civilian-contractor employees.

b. This Policy Letter applies to all above described military and civilian personnel when they are in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, or any other country in the USCENTCOM AOR.

3. Punitive Effect. This Policy Letter is a lawful order. Personnel subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) whose conduct violates this Policy Letter are subject to punishment under the UCMJ as well as adverse administrative action. Personnel not subject to the UCMJ whose conduct violates this Policy Letter are subject to adverse administrative action.

4. Requirement to Read, Understand and Comply with General Order Number 1. All personnel are required to read, understand and comply with U.S. Army Forces Central Command General Order No. 1 (AFRD-SA) at all times while within Saudi Arabia.

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5. Introduction includes not only personal carrying of, but also any involvement, direct or indirect, in any form of importing, shipping, mailing, transporting, or otherwise conveying such items into Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, or any other country in the USCENTCOM AOR.

6. Prohibited Activities. The following activities are prohibited:

- a. Any conduct that violates U.S. Army Forces Central Command General Order Number 1.
- b. Purchase, possession, use, transfer, or sale of privately-owned firearms, ammunition, explosives, or the introduction of these items into Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, or anywhere else in the USCENTCOM AOR. This prohibition also extends to any component part of such items (for example, a gun barrel or part of the housing group of a privately-owned weapon) and to any device used for explosives (for example, a fuse or detonating device).
- c. Non-Moslems intentionally observing Islamic religious ceremonies.
- d. Intentionally observing punishments directed by Islamic courts.
- e. Introduction, possession, use, sale, transfer, manufacture, or consumption of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited by U.S. Army Forces Central Command General Orders No.1 for Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Jordan. Consumption of alcohol in moderate amounts is, however, authorized while on a valid, ARCENT-SA Commander approved R and R pass or on TDY after official duty hours **in Bahrain**. Soldiers may not drink while in uniform and intoxication is prohibited.
- f. Running, bicycling, rollerblading, rollerskating, or otherwise engaging in any exercise activity, either individually or in formation, unless within the physical boundaries of Prince Sultan Air Base, Eskan Village, authorized civilian compounds as specified in the ARCENT-SA Off-Post Travel Policy Letter, or other U.S. military facilities.

7. Items which violate this Policy Letter may be seized as contraband.

8. Unit commanders, leaders and supervisors are charged to ensure all personnel for which they are responsible are briefed on the prohibition of these activities.

9. This Policy Letter supersedes and rescinds all previous Policy Letters on this subject.

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